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Mysuru aims to be TB-free by 2025

District Health Officer Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy** (second from right) **flagging off the awareness jatha in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple in city this morning as other officials look on.

Mysuru improves ranking on TB index moving from 32nd to 13th position

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (BLU&KS)- The District Health and Family Welfare Department, in collaboration with District Tuberculosis (TB) Control Centre and Zilla Panchayat, organised an awareness jatha in city this morning to mark 'World TB Day' and emphasise the urgency of eradicating tuberculosis (TB), the world's deadliest infectious disease.

The World Health Organisation's (WHO) theme for World TB Day 2025 is "Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver."

The jatha commenced at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple and concluded at J.K. Grounds, with participants including students from various nursing colleges, Health and Family Welfare Department staff, doctors, nurses, and volunteers. The procession passed through D. Devaraj Urs Road before reaching J.K. Grounds.

As part of the event, Joint Director of the Health Department Dr. K.H. Prasad stressed the need for collective efforts to make Mysuru TB-free by 2025.

(See TB on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 24th March 2025

Govt. Engineering College Hassan wins Mysuru edition of TCS TechBytes

IT Quiz evaluates students in emerging technologies

H.D. Purushotham of Govt. Engineering College, Hassan, receiving the Regional winner trophy from Dr. Haraprasad, Dean, Internal Quality Assurance & Accreditation, JSS Science & Technology University.

Mysuru, Mar. 24- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and the Board for IT Education Standards (BITES), an autonomous body promoted by Government of Karnataka, has announced the winners of Mysuru Regional finals of 16th edition of TCS TechBytes.

H.D. Purushotham of Government Engineering College, Hassan, is the winner while R. Hemanth of Jyothy Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, is the runner-up. The winner received a gift voucher worth Rs. 12,000 while the runner-up received vouchers worth Rs. 10,000. All finalists got gift vouchers.

Dr. Haraprasad, Dean, Internal Quality Assurance & Accreditation, JSS Science & Technology University, who was the chief guest, distributed the prizes.

The winner of this round will represent Mysuru at the State Finals in Bengaluru on Apr. 8.

Sunil Deshpande, Regional Head, TCS Bengaluru, said TechBytes is a great engine to explore diverse trends in technology space and develop a future ready talent pool so that they are equipped with relevant skills for their careers.

Participants from Mysuru Region underwent a preliminary written test and top six students from this round qualified for an interactive quiz in five segments.

Prof. S. Sadagopan, Chairman, BITES, said, this event not only enhances students' technical knowledge but also fosters a spirit of healthy competition.

TCS TechBytes is a campus outreach programme that strives to provide a better understanding of IT to students of all streams of engineering. The Regional Finals of TCS TechBytes is being conducted across six cities in Karnataka — Mangaluru, Mysuru, Kalaburagi, Hubballi, Tumakuru and Bengaluru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DO BIRDS GET AFFECTED BY NOISE POLLUTION?: ***A study of Galápagos yellow warblers, a songbird widespread in the Galápagos Islands, are changing their behaviour due to traffic noise, with those frequently exposed to vehicles showing heightened levels of aggression. Researchers played bird songs from a speaker, simulating an intruder, accompanied by recorded traffic noise at 38 locations populated by Galápagos yellow warblers on the islands of Floreana and Santa Cruz — 20 sites were within 50 metres of the nearest road and 18 were over 100 metres away. They then measured song, typically used to ward off intruders, and physical, aggressive behaviours such as approaching the speaker closely and making repeated flights across it. During trials with traffic noise, the researchers found that Galápagos yellow warblers living in roadside territories showed increased aggression, but those living away from the roads showed decreased aggression relative to trials without noise.*** *—In the Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

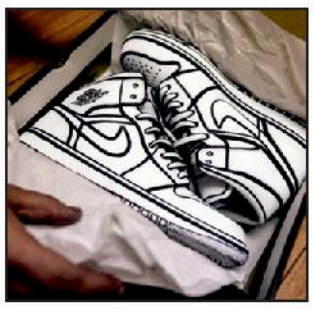
'Skeleton-like' figure leaves couple baffled

Kent: A couple in the UK were baffled after they came across a mysterious 'skeleton-like' figure during their stroll down a beach in England.

According to reports, Paula and Dave Regan shared the photos online, saying they spotted the mermaid-like skeletal creation on March 10 while strolling the shore in Margate, Kent. The pictures show the mysterious creature partially buried in sand and surrounded by seaweed. It appears to be a carved wooden creature with the tail of a fish and the torso and head of an alien-like creature.

"Some thought it might have fallen off a boat, while others suggested it could be a figurehead from a ship - like one of those carved mermaids. I just knew no one would believe us if we didn't take a picture," Paula said.

Artist virtually turns objects into 3D sketch



New York: From clothing and footwear to lifesize cars and wedding chapels, there is virtually nothing artist Joshua Vides cannot turn into black-and-white sketches.

Joshua Vides uses a technique he calls Reality to Idea (RTI) to revert different objects back to sketch form, but few people know that his success story began with a pair of Nike Air Force 1 shoes.

About a decade ago, he came across a copy of the Nike designer's original sketch for the popular footwear, so he came up with the idea of hand painting a real pair of Air Force 1s in black and white using his RTI technique.

He posted the end result on his Instagram page and it blew up! Vides followed it up with several versions of sketch shoes and their success inspired him to take his Reality to Idea technique to the next level.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Eating iron rich food like green leafy vegetables, broccoli, fruits, dark chocolate, red meat can prevent iron deficiency state.

By Dr. Giripunja M. - Consultant – Haematology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Celebrating birth centenary of actor K.S. Ashwath

K.S. Ashwath

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (VNS)- A special programme to celebrate the birth centenary of renowned Kannada actor K.S. Ashwath will be held on Mar. 25 at Kalamandira in city at 4.30 pm, said senior theatre person Rajashekara Kadamba.

Addressing the media persons here recently, Rajashekara Kadamba said that senior Kannada actors Srinath and Ravi Chandran and actor-politician Kumar Bangarappa, journalists Ranganath Bharadwaj, B. Ganapathi, Amshi Prasanna Kumar among others would be present on the occasion.

A series of cultural events including recital of songs featuring late K.S. Ashwath will be present during the celebrations.

Actor Shankar Ashwath, Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat, Mysuru Unit President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, Mandya Satya and Nagaraj were present at the press meet.

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Yesterday's level **107.33 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,270.67 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,834.36 feet**
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Today's Outflow **4,149 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **100 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Mako sharks are ovoviviparous, which means that they develop their eggs inside the uterus.*
- *Blobfish have no teeth. It also has no real skeleton and little muscles.*
- *The flesh of blobfish is primarily a gelatinous mass with very fine, soft bones, which allows the fish to survive at high pressure and float above sea floor at extreme depths, without expending much energy.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Mother: Ramesh, every time you are naughty, I get another grey hair.
Ramesh: My word - you must have been a terror, look at grandpa!!

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1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.33
1 Euro	= Rs. 92.88

VOICE OF THE READER

Shift FlyBus Terminal to Sathagalli or Naidunagar

Sir,

I read in this column about a suggestion to shift the existing FlyBus Terminal at the Sub-Urban Bus Stand to the vacant area opposite a nearby jewellery shop (*Star of Mysore* dated Mar. 18).

However, I believe it would be more strategic, futuristic, and user-friendly to relocate the FlyBus Terminal to either the Sathagalli Bus Stand or the Naidunagar Bus Stand, where there is ample unused space.

These locations would also be more convenient, considering the upcoming new bus stand near Bannimantap Bus Depot. Additionally, both bus stands are close to the Outer Ring Road, which connects directly to the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

Relocating the FlyBus Terminal to either of these locations is unlikely to inconvenience most users, as FlyBus passengers typically arrive using their own vehicles or hired cabs.

—**H.N. Ramesh**
Srirampura
19.3.2025

Rotary Central constructs new bus shelter in Hebbal

The new bus shelter, constructed by Rotary Central Mysore, was inau-gurated in Hebbal on Mar. 18. Former Corporator Shivanna, Rotary District Governor Rtn. Vikram Dutta - 3181, Zone 7 Asst. Governor Rtn. Chethan Vishwanath, President Rtn. Subramanya R. Tantri, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Samarth Vaidya, Director of Community Service Rtn. S.R. Swamy, Rtn. Prem Sagar and others were present during the inauguration.

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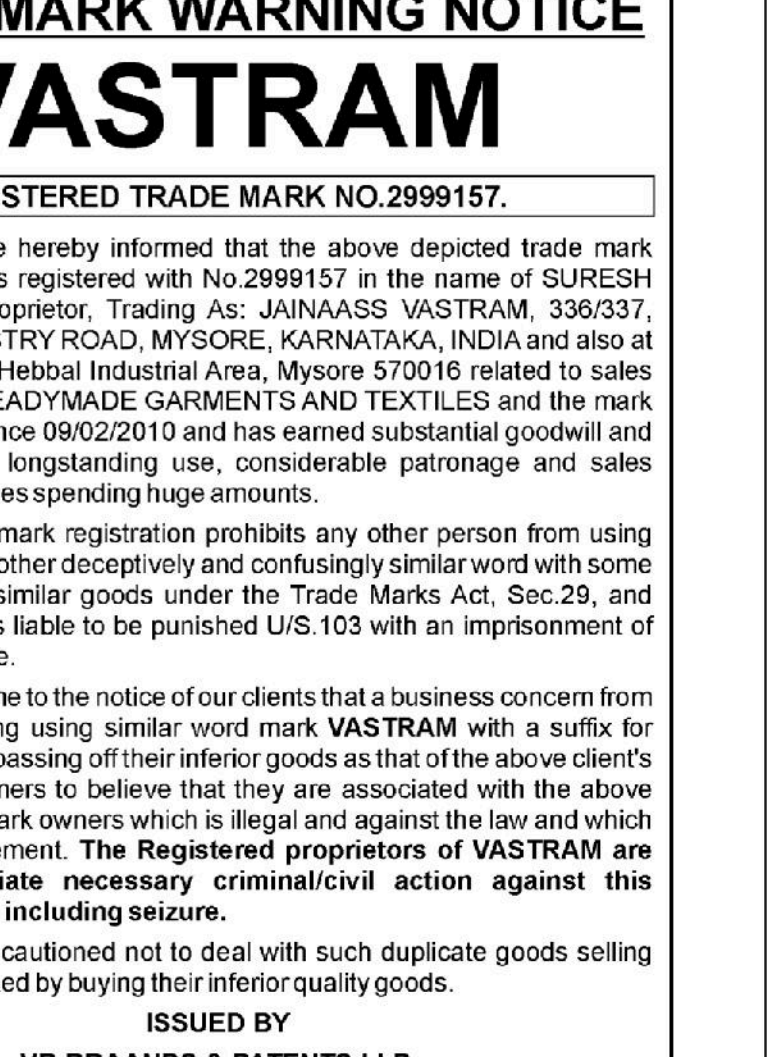

Ugadi and Ramzan Festival Rush

Special Express Train between Mysuru and Vijayapura

Mysuru, Mar. 24- To accommodate the extra rush of passengers during the upcoming Ugadi and Ramzan festivals, the Railway Board has approved the operation of a one-trip special express train between Mysuru and Vijayapura. The details of the special train service are as follows:

Train No. 06567 Mysuru-Vijayapura Express Special will leave Mysuru at 7.10 pm on Mar. 28 and reach Vijayapura at 2.05 pm the next day. In the return direction, Train No. 06568 Vijayapura-Mysuru Express Special will depart from Vijayapura at 7 pm on Mar. 31 and arrive in Mysuru at 2.20 pm the next day.

En route, the train will halt at the following Stations in both directions: Mandya, Kengeri, KSR Bengaluru, Yasvantpur, Tumakuru, Arsikere, Birur, Chikjajur, Chitradurga, Rayadurg, Ballari Cantonment, Toranagallu, Hosapete, Koppal, Gadag, Badami, Bagalkote and Almatti. The train will consist of 3 AC Two tier, 6 AC Three Tier, 10 Sleeper Class, 2 General Second Class Seating and 2 SLR/D Coaches.

For reservations, arrival and departure timings and further details, passengers can visit the official railway website or approach the nearest railway booking counters, according to a press release from Girish Dharmaraja Kalagonda, Divisional Commercial Manager & Public Relations Officer, South Western Railway, Mysuru Division.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

A Toast to Diplomats

On this International Women's Day, *Star of Mysore* remembers India's first female ambassador C.B. Muthamma by reproducing an article titled 'A Toast to Diplomats' written by columnist Girija Madhavan, wife of former ambassador A. Madhavan (late), in *SOM* dated July 26, 2022. —Ed

By Girija Madhavan

Looking back on my thirty-five years as an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) wife, memories come flooding back; some happy ones, some of wonder, some of stress and tension. Holding an Indian Diplomatic Passport, I was a member of the Embassy, the official hostess of my husband A. Madhavan. I ran the house, helped to make friends with local people, tried to project a good picture of India when we entertained. Life was often hard when faced with linguistic, domestic or medical problems in unfamiliar or unfriendly settings.

Life for the Women Foreign Service Officers of India, however, was hard in the initial years. Our Foreign Service was hierarchical and conservative in format. The rules were heavily weighted against women.

Chonira Belliappa Muthamma (C.B. Muthamma) was the first woman to pass UPSC exam in 1948 and to opt for Indian Foreign Service. Born in Virajpet, Kodagu, in 1924, she was brought up by her mother after she lost her father at an early age. She did her post-graduate degree in English Literature in Madras (Chennai). She held steadfastly to her goal of being an Indian diplomat in spite of many deterrents. When she joined the service, she had to give an undertaking that if she should marry, she would resign. Though this rule was rescinded a couple of years later, it cost a couple of other female aspirants their careers. Ambassador Rukmini Menon was another successful woman diplomat after Muthamma.

Muthamma's undeniable excellence made it impossible deny her a place in the Foreign Service. Yet for some years she was not sent on a foreign assignment. She was at last posted as Third Secretary to the Indian Embassy in Paris, and in later years as Ambassador to Hungary, Ghana and the Netherlands. Her struggle for gender equality has helped later Indian women diplomats.

In 1979, she went to the Supreme Court against the Government of India, citing gender discrimination. In a landmark judgement, Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer ruled in favour of Muthamma, and thereby also helped the many women who now have joined the IFS after her.

She never stood for unfairness and deceit. For a while we lived in a big gated colony in Delhi where she had an apartment. Tamil people, many from Salem, worked there. Once there were complaints of valuables missing. Krishnan and Gopalan, two Tamilians who had been framed for the thefts, were taken away to the Police Station. But though subjected to brutal interrogation, they did not break down and were released. Muthamma discovered the real culprits, Krishnan and Gopalan were exonerated and the guilty were sacked.

Muthamma had acquired a farm in Mehrauli near Delhi in the early years. When she retired, it was worth a very large sum of money if sold. But she chose to give it away to charity; very few people know of this generous gesture. She was fond of cooking and published a book *"The Essential Kodava Cookbook"* and also a book of essays titled *"Slain by the System…"* An admirer of hers remarked it would be more apt to say "Slayer of the System."

After we retired and came to live in Mysuru, she visited us a couple of times with her brother en route to Bengaluru. Smiling and relaxed, she enjoyed the sweets made for her. We both respected and admired her courage and will power.

C.B. Muthamma died in 2009 at the age of 85.

Young and old: C.B. Muthamma

Thus spoke C.B. Muthamma
India's first female ambassador

"When I was nine, I lost my father. My mother raised me alone, making sure I got the best education possible. I studied hard, topped my class and earned three gold medals in college. But my dreams were bigger. I wanted to serve my country.

In 1948, I became the first Indian woman to clear the UPSC exam. My heart was set on the Indian Foreign Service, but when I sat before the interview board, they said, "The IFS is not for women."

I refused to accept that. I fought for my place and became India's first female IFS Officer in 1949. But the challenges didn't stop there. I had to sign a bond saying I would resign if I got married. I was never given important assignments. Promotions were always delayed. No matter how much I proved myself, I was reminded — I was a woman in a man's world.

Years passed, but the glass ceiling remained unbroken. Until one day, I decided enough was enough. In 1979, I took the Indian government to court, challenging the discrimination I had faced. They tried to argue that women in high diplomatic positions were a 'security risk.' The Solicitor General argued that women ambassadors might leak confidential information if they married foreigners. The Supreme Court saw through their bias and ruled in my favour.

That victory wasn't just mine — it was for every woman who came after me. Soon after, I was appointed India's first female ambassador. I went on to serve in Hungary, Ghana, and the Netherlands, proving what I had always known — women belonged everywhere. I retired after 32 years. Even after retirement, I kept fighting. I wrote, I spoke, I stood up for justice. Because no woman should ever have to ask for permission to dream.

To every girl out there — don't wait for the world to change. Be the change. Fight for your place. And never, ever take no for an answer."

— Chonira Belliappa Muthamma

Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

As a contrast, another woman diplomat, **Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit** (1900-1990) faced none of these travails. Originally named Swarup Kumari Nehru, eleven years younger than her brother, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, schooled in Switzerland, her background was one of aristocratic status and wealth. However, she was influenced by Mahatma Gandhi. She was politically active in local self governing bodies in India and later "entered" diplomacy when she was sent as Her Excellency, Indian Ambassador to the erstwhile Soviet Union (1947-1948). **She was the first Asian woman to be President of the UN General Assembly in 1953.** With beautifully coiffed hair, blouses with high collars and tasteful silk sarees, she was a figure of sophistication and elegance.

In 1954 she was appointed High Commissioner to London. She was acclaimed for her tact and diplomacy. She also maintained contacts with important dignitaries and gave elegant parties attending even to small details to ensure perfection. We were told this apocryphal story by a High Commission Official who claimed he was present at the occasion.

A big party was to be held at the High Commissioner's Residence so he was inspecting a brass plaque in the foyer. A lady from our own High Commission, a young diplomat's wife, who was expert at flower arranging, came in early, took one look at the flower arrangement placed under the plaque and exclaimed loudly, "Oh dear! What a ghastly arrangement!"

She then pulled it to pieces and rearranged it to her satisfaction. The embarrassed official, with bent head, kept polishing the already gleaming plaque. Then a curtain in an alcove at the back was pushed aside and Her Excellency Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, who had been there arranging a second flower vase, emerged.

The lady stammered, "I came by to see if I could be of help…" Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit replied in silky tones, "Thank you dear for ALL your help. Everything is under control now. Goodbye!" As soon as the woman left, she said to the official, "Never let that woman come here again."

Women in the Indian Foreign Service have now held the post of Foreign Secretary with great distinction, others are heading important missions worldwide, bringing honour to themselves and to India, the country they represent abroad. I felicitate them all. I was lucky to be a part of that world, I was enriched to see lands and meet new people. I could not have done that without being a diplomatic wife, a Diplomate!

Save Sparrows for next generation: Snake Shyam

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (SBD&BS)- City's renowned snake rescuer Snake Shyam has given a call to save various species of birds, including sparrows that are integral to the conservation of environment.

He was speaking after inaugurating Sparrow Festival, organised as part of World Sparrow Day, by KMPK Trust, by hanging water and food containers to the trees at Maharaja's College Grounds in city on Thursday.

Shyam said, "We all grew up amid sparrows, which have vanished now. Hence, it is inevitable to focus on conserving all the species of birds in view of maintaining the ecological balance."

There are about 25 species in sparrows alone, but they are on the verge of extinction. Strangely, these birds are facing threat from humans only, which calls for using less quantity of fertilisers in the cultivation of crops. Man should co-habitat with all the living beings, as we have the responsibility of saving sparrows for posterity, opined Shyam.

Kannada film actor Adi Lokesh said that it is just not enough to feed the birds on World Sparrow Day alone. If it becomes a daily habit to feed the birds, the species of birds can be saved. The thirst of many birds can be addressed, by keeping a water container on the terrace of the house.

Karnataka Wildlife Board Member Dr. H.V. Santhrupth Gowda, Congress leader N.M. Naveen Kumar, ACP of Krishnaraja Sub-Division Ramesh Kumar, Sowmya, actor Mahendar, Director of Jeevadhara Blood Bank Girish, Dr. Srinivas Achar, Srinivas Bhashyam, President of KMPK Charitable Trust Vikram Iyengar, Ajay Shastri, S.N. Rajesh, Chakrapani, Suchindra and others were present.

World Sparrow Day celebrated at Mahajana First Grade College

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (KS)- As part of World Sparrow Day celebrations, the Department of Environmental Science of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, had organised workshop on "Birds around us and creating an environment for birds" at its premises in city recently.

The workshop aimed to spread awareness about the declining sparrow population and the importance of conserving these beautiful birds. The session was led by the resource person A.S. Pradeep, who shared valuable insights into the lives of sparrows and other birds, as well as the factors affecting their survival.

The speaker introduced the types of birds, their habitats and also highlighted about the reasons for the decline in sparrow population because of loss of habitat, lack of food, scarcity of grains and pollution.

He discussed the practical steps to be adapted to bring sparrows back by providing nesting spaces and reducing pesticide use. He encouraged the students to engage youngsters by creating awareness about sparrow conservation and encouraging participation in local bird-watching and conservation activities. The programme was led by College Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari.

A.S. Pradeep, resource person

Hang nest to feed birds in your courtyard: Birder

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (MK&BS)- Prakrutim Rakshamah, a city-based people's movement celebrated World Sparrow Day at the premises of Royal Mart on Male Mahadeshwara Road (Mysuru-T. Narasipur Road) in city recently.

Birder Praveen, who spoke on the occasion, said that sparrows were our companions during childhood, with the open space in front of the house turning into their habitat. Now, with people opting for luxurious lifestyle, adapting to concrete structures, the sparrows have gone extinct by 70 percent with no place for roosting. Efforts should be made to bring them back to the courtyard of the house.

The sparrows were also farmer friendly, as they were preying on insects in agricultural fields. Now, the farmers are forced to rely extensively on insecticide to protect their crops, turning the food into poison. To conserve the species of sparrows, World Sparrow Day is being celebrated since 2010. Everyone should join hands in the noble cause of saving the sparrows by hanging artificial nests in their courtyards and feed birds with grains.

Over 100 nests made of bamboo were distributed on the occasion. Former Corporator M.K. Shankar, Convener of Prakrutim Rakshamah V. Sriprasad, Nawaz of Royal Mart, Sampath and Mamatha were present.

Citizen Convent students visit Vidhana Soudha

Students and staff of Citizen Convent, Mysuru, seen with Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly U.T. Khader.

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (KS) - As part of an educational initiative to enhance students' understanding of governance and Legislative processes, 42 students and four staff members from Citizen Convent at Udayagiri in city visited Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru recently.

During the visit, the students had the opportunity to meet Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly U.T. Khader and observe a live session in progress.

The students were given a comprehensive orientation and guided tour of the Legislative Assembly Hall and Legislative Council Hall by Ganashekar, a Government-appointed guide.

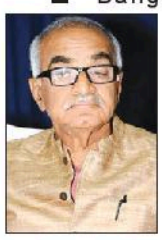
The students gained first-hand knowledge of the Legislative proceedings, the functioning of Legislative Committees and the architectural significance of the Legislative Halls. Additionally, they interacted with the Secretary to the Speaker, who provided them with a deeper understanding of the law-making process and governance.

Co-ordinator Syed Abdul Muheeb, Assistant teachers Divya Shree and Arun Kumar, Law student Nida Hussain and others were present.

Bangalore Palace Act 1996

Satyameva Jayate or the Rule of Lies?

By R. Raja Chandra



Raja Chandra

This refers to the report "Karnataka notifies Bangalore Palace Act, making it official — State secures full control over 472.16 acre Bangalore Palace Grounds for infrastructure projects" in *Star of Mysore* dated Mar. 14, 2025.

This is diametrically opposite to the Bangalore Palace (Acquisition & Transfer) Act, 1996 (BPAT Act) which was ostensibly intended to preserve the Palace as a monument with the surrounding open space developed into an exclusive Botanical Museum or Horticultural Garden and Tree Park to serve also the acutely affected ecological needs of lung space and park areas.

So the hidden genie is out of the bottle! It is equally surprising that one State enactment tries to subsume another State enactment contrary to the premise under which the President of India assented in 1996!

The rule of law is fundamental to our democracy. It is defined as "a principle under which all persons, institutions and entities are accountable to laws that are publicly promulgated, equally enforced, independently adjudicated and consistent with international human rights principles."

Unfortunately in India under Article 31C of the Constitution, fundamental rights can be abridged! This was i ntroduced as 25th Amendment to the Constitution.

No one disputes the power of eminent domain and the constituent power of the legislatures to make laws. So the alacrity with which the Karnataka legislatures passed the "Bangalore Palace (Utilisation and Regulation of Lands) Act, 2025 replacing an ordinance promulgated in January 2025 was not surprising.

It is common knowledge our Chief Minister has a pathological aversion to the erstwhile Royal Family and it was expected of him to use all means fair or foul to subvert an order of the Supreme Court even if it meant using deception and lies.

> "So the hidden genie is out of the bottle! It is equally surprising that one State enactment tries to subsume another State enactment contrary to the premise under which the President of India assented in 1996!"

But can a legislature, exercising its constituent power, resort to the same deception and lies?

Satyameva Jayate (Truth alone triumphs), taken from *Mundaka Upanishad,* is our National motto and, therefore, of all government departments. *Satyameva Jayate* also happens to be the motto of High Courts across the country while that of the Supreme Court is taken from the message of Lord Krishna to Arjuna in Mahabharat: *Yato Dharmastato Jayah* (Where there is dharma, there will be victory).

Ironically, Mysore Kingdom had a similar Royal motto: *SatyamEvOdharAmyahaM* (Truth alone I uphold). Post 1950, Mysore State (Karnataka) also has adopted much of the old emblem but replaced the Royal motto with the National motto and also replaced the Goddess Mahisha Mardhini at the crest with the National Emblem as adopted from the Lion Capital of Asoka at Sarnath.

In a monarchical system of Government, it was incumbent upon the King to uphold the Truth but whose responsibility is it in a democracy governed by the rule of law? Is it a case of collective failure by the Legislature, Cabinet and the Speaker?

Let me come to the specifics of my allegation. In the statement of objects and reasons to Bangalore Palace (Utilisation and Regulation of Land) Act, 2025, it is stated among other things:

"And whereas, the Constitutional validity of Bangalore Palace (Acquisition and Transfer) Act, 1996 (Karnataka Act 18 of 1996) has been upheld by the High Court of Karnataka and **there is no stay on the operation of Bangalore Palace (Acquisition and Transfer) Act, 1996 (Karnataka Act 18 of 1996)** by the Supreme Court in the appeal."

"This is a deceptive statement and not based on actual legal position. On 10.12.1996, Karnataka HC stayed all further operations under the Act and ordered both physical possession and Khata to be with the owners. On 31.3.1997, the Division Bench of the HC even after upholding the validity of the Act allowed the order dated 10.12.1996 to continue for four weeks to allow the owners to approach the Apex Court. The Apex Court duly ordered status quo on 30.4.1997 which is still in force. Notwithstanding this simultaneously Urban Land Ceiling (ULC) proceedings against the Bangalore Palace grounds were in force and vesting under the ULC Act never happened. Thus effectively vesting under BPAT is just an expression of interest without any consequential actions. Thus it is a sorry exhibition of ignorance by the Law Minister to say there is no stay under the Act. But one can possibly blame the legal department and the AG of the state for this incorrect statement."

Going further it is stated that issuing TDR / DRC (Transferable Development Rights/ Development Rights Certificate will be grave on the exchequer of the State of Karnataka, and upon the urban planning of the city of Bengaluru! This is a white lie.

It is shocking that the Legislators of Karnataka, who have taken a solemn oath to protect the Constitution, should in the exercise of their constituent power support deception and lie.

In 1956, on the eve of Integration of Mysore with the neighbouring Kannada-speaking areas, the then Chief Minister of Mysore Kengal Hanumanthaiah hosted a birthday party for the Maharaja at Mysore on July 29, 1956.

He spoke eloquently: "With the graciousness and dignity which are your twin virtues, Your Highness agreed to be a constitutional monarch with the new designation of Rajpramukh. Your Highness has discharged the duties of this high office for the last five-and-a-half years with such scrupulous rectitude that it has evoked the sincere and respectful admiration of all of us."

"Transforming oneself from a powerful sovereign to a constitutional monarch requires adjustment of a type which is rare in human nature. This happy adjustment stands as proof of your high-mindedness and patriotic fervour. Whether as Ruler or as Rajpramukh, the people of Mysore have found the ideal in you... New historical developments are seeking from Your Highness another great sacrifice — that of relinquishing the office of the Rajpramukh."

In reply, the Maharaja merely said: "You have referred in your Address to what your generosity has termed my 'sacrifice.' I do not look upon it as such. If Destiny had decreed that over the past few centuries, the progress and prosperity of the people of this beloved State should be in the hands of the Wadiyars of Mysore then that same Destiny now ordains that the time is ripe for the people, now grown to full political stature in a free democratic Republic, to rule themselves."

The irony is that the rest of the Indian rulers' descendants are more or less still living a life of King size with their Palaces intact. However, in a State where a whiff of democracy was ushered way back in 1881 itself and where people were thought to have grown to full political stature in a free Democratic Republic, have shown single-minded malice and exercised their constituent power to annihilate the descendants of their former Ruler, Rajpramukh and Governor. Is *"Yato Dharmastato Jayah"* just an empty rhetoric?

More on Bangalore Palace case

Bengaluru, Mar. 24- There was a hearing of the case relating to the acquisition of the Bangalore Palace land at Supreme Court on 20.3.1997.

Senior Counsel Kapil Sibal, appearing for the State, had stated that the whole Transferable Development Rights (TDR) issue was due to wrong assumption of law by BBMP and the land already vested with the State and as such the question of issuing TDR never arises. There is no estoppel against the State for actions done under the wrong presumption of legal status, he argued.

Justice Sundaresh, after hearing Kapil Sibal, adjourned the case to 24.4.2025 for the petitioners to argue.

In the meanwhile, it is learnt, that as the case stood as above, both the Houses promptly amended the Bangalore Palace (Utilisation & Regulation of Lands) Amendment Act 2025 on 21.3.2025 itself to say TDR can never be issued as the land already vests with the State etc.

Now, it awaits Governor's assent, according to sources.

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TODAY'S MATCH MAR. 24

Delhi Capitals Vs Lucknow Super Giants

DC Vs **LSG**

ACA-VDCA Stadium, Vishakapatnam

7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH MAR. 25

Gujarat Titans Vs Punjab Kings

GT Vs **PBKS**

Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad

7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

SRH 286/6 (20 overs)
BEAT
RR 242/6 (20 overs)

MI 155/9 (20 overs)
LOST TO
CSK 158/6 (19.1 overs)

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BJP demands to revoke 18 MLAs' suspension

Slams Congress Government for appeasement politics, deliberate sidelining of backward class

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (BLU&DM)- Strongly opposing the State Government's decision to award 4% of Government contracts to Muslim community, the city and district units of BJP staged a demonstration in front of Mahatma Gandhi's bust near City Law Courts Complex this morning.

The protesters also slammed Assembly Speaker U.T. Khader's decision to suspend 18 BJP MLAs from the Lower House for six months, calling it unconstitutional and undemocratic. They warned of a large-scale protest if the suspension was not revoked immediately. "Reservation in Govt. contracts for Muslims, various benefits, funds and schemes for minority community members, amounts to appeasement politics. BJP strongly opposes such moves aimed at benefiting one particular religion," the protesters declared, adding that the Government's decision violates the Constitution, which prohibits reservation based on religion.

Accusing the Government of insulting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, they demanded the immediate withdrawal of these decisions, claiming they were against the interests of the Hindu community.

Condemning the Government for misusing Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) funds for its Guarantee Schemes, the protesters claimed that Rs. 39,000 crore meant for SC/ST welfare had been diverted over the past two years.

Lashing out at the Govt. for failing to control the rising prices of essential commodities and service tariffs, the protesters also opposed the hike in power transformer installation charges to Rs. 2 lakh for farmers, calling it a grave injustice. MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City BJP President L. Nagendra, District President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, former MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, and party leaders B.M. Raghu, Hema Nandish and others were present.

Illegal, unconstitutional

In Bengaluru, BJP leaders voiced strong opposition to the suspension of 18 of its MLAs. State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra termed the suspension as illegal, unconstitutional, and unilateral. "By suspending 18 BJP MLAs, the Speaker has not only insulted the Legislators but also disrespected the people of the Constituencies they represent. The suspended MLAs have been barred from entering the Assembly lobby and the Conference Hall. Are they terrorists or Naxalites?" he questioned.

Opposition leader R. Ashoka said, "The BJP MLAs are fighting to protect the dignity of the Assembly, but the Speaker's actions are disgraceful. I spoke to the Speaker, warning him that his decision would bring no honour to the House," Ashok said.

Speaker clarifies

Meanwhile, Speaker U.T. Khader defended his decision, claiming that the suspended BJP MLAs had thrown torn papers at him, insulting the Speaker's chair and obstructing his duties.

However, the Speaker hinted at a possible reduction in the suspension period. "If the BJP MLAs realise their mistake and submit an appeal, I will consider reducing the period of suspension," he said, adding that there was no external pressure on him to suspend the MLAs.

AAP seeks immediate elections to MCC

Chandru

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (GA&DM)- Strongly opposing the Government's action of unduly delaying the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) polls under the pretext of Greater Mysuru formation, Aam Admi Party (AAP) has demanded immediate election to MCC and other Local Bodies of the State.

Addressing a joint press meet along with Mysuru Mahanagara Palike Chunavane Horata Samiti at Patrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, AAP State President 'Mukhyamantri' Chandru, who is a veteran actor and also a former MLC, said that the State Government must respect the growing demand for the conduct of MCC polls.

He warned that a PIL would be filed in the Court if the Government does not heed to the demand.

Asking the Government not to interfere in the powers of the Election Commission, Chandru urged the Government to immediately hold election to all Local Bodies for which elections are long overdue. He also claimed with that the Opposition not pursuing the matter, it seems that the Opposition too has resorted to adjustment politics with the ruling dispensation.

Veteran Historian Prof. P.V. Nanjaraj Urs, who also addressed the press meet, said that the Assembly polls will be held just after the term comes to an end. Wondering why this has not been possible in the case of MCC and other Local Body polls, he alleged that the Govt. was fooling the citizens of Mysuru in the name of Greater Mysuru formation.

SDPI State President Abdul Majid too addressed the press meet and alleged that the three MLAs of the city were preventing holding of MCC polls in order to protect their own interests. CM Siddaramaiah should hold the polls at the earliest if he was indeed a true Democrat, he added.

KRS Party State Vice-President Somasundar, BSP State General Secretary Nagaiah, Sosale Siddaraju and Kannada Vedike's Suresh Babu were present at the press meet.

MUDA reclaims encroached land

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (RK&DM)- Continuing its drive against encroachment of Government lands, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in an early morning operation on Thursday, evacuated 1.25 acres of prime land worth about Rs. 15 crore on H.D. Kote Road and reclaimed it.

The MUDA authorities evacuated the encroachments on 1.25 acre of land at Nachanahalli village on H.D. Kote Road and coming under Nachanahalli Survey No. 74. The then CITB (now MUDA) had acquired this land in 1962 for the formation of a residential layout.

The encroachers had built structures illegally on this land and had even secured the land with barbed wire fencing. The MUDA authorities, following a direction from MUDA Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan, evacuated the encroached land which is said to be worth Rs. 15 crore, by demolishing the illegal structures and reclaimed it under tight Police security.

MUDA Superintending Engineer (SE) Muralidhar, Executive Engineers (EEs) Nagesh and Dharendrappa, Special Land Acquisition Officer Manjunath, Zonal Officer K.R. Mahesh, Junior Engineers (JEs) Kantharaj, Achari and others took part in the operation.

Youth dies after diving into shallow swimming pool

Nishanth

Kushalnagar, Mar. 24 (AG &BCT)- A 35-year-old man from Kushalnagar, Nishanth, tragically lost his life after diving into a shallow swimming pool in Chikkamagaluru yesterday.

Nishanth, the owner of a mobile phone shop in Kushalnagar, was on a bikers' trip with a group of 12 friends riding on six bikes.

The group reached a homestay in Chikkamagaluru around 2.30 pm and relaxed by the pool after lunch. While they were unwinding, Nishanth suddenly got up and dove into the pool, unaware that it was only 4.5 feet deep — despite him being 5 feet 10 inches tall. On impact, his head hit the pool floor, causing a severe spinal cord injury.

Seeing Nishanth unresponsive and floating on the water, his friends immediately jumped in and pulled him out onto the concrete floor. Though unable to move his head and lower body, he was still conscious and responsive to their desperate queries.

He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors advised his friends to shift him to NITTE Hospital in Mangaluru for advanced treatment. However, his condition deteriorated en route, and he passed away before reaching the hospital. Nishanth had been married for three years.

Mysuru aims to be TB-free by 2025

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"TB was a major challenge post-independence and is like an atom bomb that spreads rapidly. Research indicates that a single TB patient can infect up to 45 people. With TB-related deaths on the rise globally, we are conducting awareness and educational programmes in consultation with the WHO," Dr. K.H. Prasad said.

Dr. Prasad highlighted that Mysuru has improved its ranking on the TB index, moving from 32nd to 13th position, indicating a decline in cases. He urged people with TB symptoms to seek immediate medical attention, as early detection leads to timely treatment and a higher chance of cure.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, District TB Control Officer Dr. M.S. Jayanth, Reproductive and Child Health Officer Dr. Siraj Ahmed, TB Project Officer Raman Arora, along with members of various NGOs, ASHA workers and others were present at the event.

NEWS BRIEFS

Blood donation camp

Sree Cauvery First Grade College, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, in association with Blood Bank Unit, K.R. Hospital, Mysuru, has organised a Blood Donation Camp on Mar. 25 at 10 am at College campus. Interested people can come voluntarily to donate the blood.

Coaching class

Negilayogi Samaja Seva Trust, Jayanagar, Mysuru will be conducting a 3-month special coaching class from Apr. 15 for PUC students who are appearing for Chartered Accountancy (CA) Foundation Exam. [Mob: 98454-46640 or 99800-24608]

Obituary

Alhaj Mohammed Khasim

Mysuru, Mar. 24- Alhaj Mohammed Khasim (82), retired employee of the Education Department and a resident of No. 543, 9th Cross, Tank Road in N.R. Mohalla, passed away following brief illness this morning in city.

He leaves behind four sons, one daughter, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at 5.15 pm at the prayer hall in the Muslim Burial Grounds premises near Tipu Circle followed by the burial.

K.B. Mohan

K.B. Mohan (63), retired Government PU College lecturer and a resident of Sharadadevinagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Basavarajamma, son Vinay, daughter Neha, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed tomorrow (Mar. 25) at his native place Seebahalli, Basavapatna hobli, Arakalgud taluk.

Gowramma B. Shivanna

Gowramma B. Shivanna (86), a resident of Dodda Vokkalageri near Irwin Road, passed away following age-related illness yesterday in city. She leaves behind two sons including journalist and writer S. Prakash Babu, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

Kharge meets Siddaramaiah amidst honey-trap charges

Bengaluru, Mar. 24 (Agencies)- Amidst the explosive honey-trap allegations made by Cooperation Minister K.N. Rajanna, which have exposed cracks within the Congress, All India Congress Committee (AICC) President Mallikarjun Kharge met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday, reportedly to discuss the fallout of the charges.

Though officially termed a "courtesy visit," Kharge and Siddaramaiah held a closed-door meeting for nearly an hour, during which political developments were discussed.

Sources revealed that while Siddaramaiah had sought a meeting with the Congress President, Kharge chose to visit the Chief Minister at his official residence 'Cauvery,' as Siddaramaiah is recuperating from a knee ailment.

AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the CM's official residence 'Cauvery' in Bengaluru on Sunday.

Kharge was accompanied by his son and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge.

The timing of Kharge's visit, coinciding with the honey-trap controversy, has sparked speculation. Reports indicate that the Congress High Command has been gathering information about the issue through phone calls with State leaders.

However, Kharge's direct visit, officially to check on Siddaramaiah's health, reportedly included an hour-long discussion on the honey-trap scandal, adding to the intrigue.

It is learnt that the two senior leaders deliberated on the scandal's impact on the party and the Government's image, as well as the potential for further rifts within the Congress.

Increasingly, voices within the party and Government believe that Rajanna's statements in the Legislative Assembly were "foolish" rather than a calculated political move.

Sources said, party leaders felt Rajanna should have spoken only for himself instead of dragging others into the controversy.

In the Assembly, Rajanna had claimed to possess information about 48 individuals, including Judges, who were allegedly honey-trapped or targeted.

Forest Dept. raids handicraft shops

Large quantity of sandalwood and red sanders seized

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (KS)- The Forest Department officials and staff, who raided handicraft shops in city, have seized a large quantity of sandalwood and red sanders pieces, billets and powder from the shops.

Acting on a tip off that a few shops in city, selling handicraft items and silk sarees, were selling sandalwood and other items illegally, a team of Forest Department staff, led by Mysuru Forest Mobile Squad Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Chandrashekar Gowda Patil and Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) C. Rudresh, conducted separate raids on four shops in city and seized 249 sandalwood pieces weighing 15.83 kgs, 537 pieces of red sanders weighing 26 kgs, 4.5 kg sandalwood powder, more than 5 kg of red sanders powder and 750 gms of sandalwood billets besides registering cases on the shop owners.

Meanwhile, Forest Department officials said that the public should be aware that the Forest Department has not given license to any shop to sell sandalwood products. If there is a necessity to buy sandalwood, public can purchase the same at the Government Sandalwood Depot in Aranya Bhavan at Ashokapuram in city.

Forest officials K. Surendra, Sachin, V. Muthuraju, H. Raghavendra, Desai Yogeshwari, T.C. Kannika, Sumalatha, C.S. Mohan and staff Kumar, Rani, R. Kumar, Siddaraja Shetty, Tirupathi Poojara and others took part in the raid.

Torchlight march taken out to pay tributes to martyrs of freedom struggle

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (MK&KS)- Team Mysuru took out a torchlight march to pay tributes to Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru, who had laid down their lives during the freedom struggle.

The members, who assembled at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinobha Road, held the portraits of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru and took out a march by holding torches. The torchlight march passed through Shivarampet, Devaraj Urs Road and culminated at the starting point.

Speaking before the commencement of the march, BJP leader Phanish said that apart from remembering the great leaders who lived for the country, we should also resolve to live for the country. Pointing out that the story of the sacrifice, struggle and ideals of these valiant sons always inspire the countrymen, he said that martyrs Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru, who laid down their lives happily for the country, are always the role models for the younger generation.

Former MLA and City BJP President L. Nagendra, former Corporators Prashanth and M.U. Subbaiah, Manju, Team Mysuru's Gokul Govardhan, Prasanna and others were present.

Women achievers felicitated

Adhivaktha Parishat, Mysuru Unit and Negilayogi Samaja Seva Trust, jointly celebrated International Women's Day at Negilayogi Sabha Bhavan in city recently during which women achievers were felicitated. Seen in the picture are (sitting from left) Senior Advocate and Notary C.N. Kamalamma, Pilot Akhilaa Ashok, H.D. Kote's Yuvachethana Founder M. Asha, Senior Advocates T.G. Yashoda and K.P. Usha with (standing from left) Negilayogi Samaja Seva Trust President Ravi Kumar, Advocate Veena, Principal District and Sessions Judge (retd.) H.S. Pushpanjali Devi, Adhivaktha Praishat Mysuru President V. Sharada, advocates Savitha and Lakshmi.

International Women's Day at ATME

Mysuru, Mar. 24- The Women's Cell, CICC, of ATME College of Engineering (ATMECE), in association with AFH Mumbai, had organised International Women's Day celebrations recently.

Various activities were conducted for both teaching and non-teaching staff of the institution to honour women's achievements and promote gender equality.

The activities for students included Rangavalli (Rangoli), Rekhi Chitra (Pencil Sketch), Rasa Prashne (Quiz), Nibhandha (Essay writing), Nrithyam (Dance), Sangeetha (Singing), Indoor games such as carom and chess, and Outdoor games such as sparklers (Throwball).

A few Faculty Events including Cooking without Fire, Dumb Charades, Anthakshari and Desi Games such as Kere Dada, Snake & Ladder and Ludo, were held.

Chief guests Dr. Manik Bengeri and Dr. Devaki Madhav emphasised the importance of recognising women's contributions across various sectors and the ongoing efforts required to achieve well-being through pranayama and yoga.

Dr. S.R. Bhagyashree, Chairperson of Women's Cell & CICC; Priyanka, Member Secretary of the Women's Cell and Ravi Kumar, Member Secretary of CICC, were present.

Students showcased their talents through cultural performances, including traditional dances, musical renditions and theatrical pieces that highlighted women's role in society.

Talk on 'The Ideas of Madara Channayya's Vachanas' at Seshadripuram College

Dr. Shivarajappa Aravind Malagatti

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (KS)- Seshadripuram Degree College, Mysuru and Basava Study Centre, in association with Sri Basaveshwara Social Reform, Research Studies and Outreach Centre, University of Mysore, had organised a special lecture on the topic 'The Ideas of Madara Channayya's Vachanas' at the Seminar Hall of the College in city recently.

Dr. S. Shivarajappa, retired Professor at the Oriental Research Institute, Mysuru, who was the resource person, delivered the lecture. He highlighted that Madara Channayya was a great 12th-century Sharana.

"Madara Channayya saw God in his work and through his Vachanas, urged people to challenge the authority of the Vedas, Shastras, Astrology and religion to cultivate a more inclusive and culturally rich society. He strongly advocated for the upliftment of marginalised communities, striving for equality and justice," Dr. Shivarajappa said.

Visiting Professor at Sri Basaveshwara Centre for Social Reform, Research Studies and Outreach Centre and Programme Coordinator Prof. Aravinda Malagatti highlighted the social inequalities that existed during the rule of monarchs.

He emphasised that Basavadhi Sharanas questioned these injustices and asserted the rights of the lowest castes within the caste hierarchy.

Prof. Aravinda Malagatti also pointed out that while these issues were prevalent in the 12th century, they still persist in the 21st century.

He observed that honour killings still take place as a reaction to inter-caste marriages, highlighting the deep-seated caste biases and societal prejudices that persist even today. He urged the audience to recognise the progressive values of Basavadhi Sharanas and strive to uphold their principles of equality and social justice.

Prof. Lolakshi from the Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies, University of Mysore, who also spoke, said that the lecture series, conducted across various colleges in Mysuru city, aims to educate students on the progressive thoughts of the Sharanas.

She said that while social injustices of the 12th century were challenged and transformed, similar social inequalities still persist in the 21st century. She emphasised that Basavadhi Sharanas' ideals are relevant today, need to be revived and practiced.

Principal Dr. K. Sowmya Erappa expressed that such programmes help students understand the ideals and values of historical greats.

Dr. C.P. Lavanya, HoD of Kannada and Basava Study Centre Convener, staff and students were present.

'ISRO's success stems from scientists dedication'

Sagar Hiremath

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (BLU&BCT)- Senior Assistant Director at the International Personality Training Division, Sagar Hiremath remarked that if Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) scientists spent their daily lives indulging in recreational activities like watching serials, India would not have achieved its remarkable progress in outer space exploration.

Speaking at the 'Manasa Youth Empowerment 2025' workshop, held at the Senate Bhavan of the University of Mysore (UoM), Hiremath highlighted India's growing global competitiveness in space research. He attributed the nation's advancements to the dedication and relentless efforts of its scientists.

He emphasised that science and technology are not like a grandmother's tale that begins with, "Once upon a time, there was a boy and a girl in a village." Instead, they are grounded in reality and driven by innovation to tackle future challenges. This, he stated, is the core purpose of scientific and technological development.

Hiremath also pointed out the rapid, unexpected advancements occurring across various fields today. He noted that even aspiring politicians can approach PR agencies, articulate their ambitions, and receive strategic guidance — provided they have the financial resources.

With a touch of humour, he added that companies can even conduct studies to determine how a person's popularity might change based on their attire, such as wearing a suit and tie.

He stressed that today's students have numerous employment opportunities after completing their education but must effectively utilise them to achieve success. Encouraging an active and inquisitive mindset, he urged participants not to remain silent during workshops but to ask questions, seek clarity, and develop a habit of critical thinking.

He advised them to speak English confidently when required — without overemphasising words — to leave a positive impression on listeners. The event was attended by M.K. Savitha, Registrar, UoM and Prof. Anand.

TiE's mentoring workshop stresses bias-free guidance

Bhaskar Kalale** (extreme right), **President of TiE Mysuru and Sudhanva Dhananjaya** (extreme left), **Board Member of TiE Mysuru, seen felicitating chief guest N. Ravi Shankar, CEO of Aim High Consulting in city recently.

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (BCT)- The TiE Mysuru Chapter conducted an insightful "Mentor the Mentor" workshop recently featuring N. Ravi Shankar, CEO of Aim High Consulting, as the keynote speaker.

A columnist, author, speaker, startup mentor, and angel investor, Ravi Shankar shared practical wisdom and strategies for effective mentorship during the engaging two-hour session.

He highlighted the importance of mentors shedding personal biases, titles and vested interests, urging them to serve as sounding boards, conscience keepers, and strategic guides for their mentees.

Shankar emphasised that true mentorship lies in guiding individuals through dilemmas, conflicts, and decision-making moments without imposing personal views.

A key takeaway from the session was his observation that six personas are at play in any conversation, underscoring the complexity of perception in communication. He encouraged mentors to "see the entrepreneurship, not just the entrepreneur," advocating for a broader, objective perspective when guiding mentees.

Shankar also stressed the value of balancing passion with detachment, using visual memory hooks for clearer communication and honing skills to become impactful mentors. His blend of insight, humour and practical advice left attendees with a deeper understanding of mentorship as a catalyst for growth and clarity.

The session began with opening remarks by Bhaskar Kalale, President of TiE Mysuru. Sudhanva Dhananjaya, Board Member of TiE Mysuru, was present.

WORD OF THE DAY

De rigueur

Pronunciation: duh-ree-GUR (Adjective)
Meaning: De rigueur is a formal adjective that describes things that are necessary if you want to be fashionable, popular, socially acceptable, etc.—in other words, things required by fashion, etiquette, or custom.
Origin: It takes a lot of work to be cool. One needs to wear the right clothes, understand the right pop culture references, and use the right lingo before it ceases to be, ahem, on fleek. Rigor is required, is what we're saying—a strict precision in adhering to the dictates of fashion. Such rigor is at the crux of the adjective de rigueur, a direct borrowing from French where it means "out of strictness" or "according to strict etiquette." Rigor is also what distinguishes de rigueur from a similar French borrowing, du jour. While the latter describes things that are popular, fashionable, or prominent at a particular time, as in "topic/style/buzzword du jour," de rigueur describes that which is considered mandatory by fashion, etiquette, or custom for acceptability within a given social sphere or context. A bucket hat, for example, may be the chapeau du jour if it is currently popular or prevalent, but it would only be de rigueur if, among a certain crowd, you would be given the side-eye for not wearing one.
Example: "Summer swimwear has come a long way since itty-bitty string bikinis were de rigueur for the beach and by the pool." —Amanda Randone, Refinery29.com, 31 May 2024.

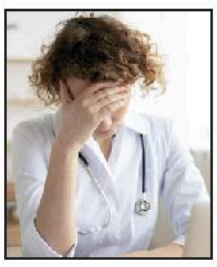
THE ODD WORD

Verminophobia

Fear of germs

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Wet Behind the Ears



Meaning: The meaning of the phrase "Wet Behind the Ears" is someone who is very young, naive and inexperienced.
Origin: The origin of the phrase "Wet behind the ears" is debatable. Some say it comes from newborn babies who enter the world surrounded by amniotic fluid. Others say the phrase may have originated from newborn farm animals, where the mother has to lick the newborn dry, and one of the last places she dries is the area behind the ears. However the difference between the two, is the fact that when human babies are born, they are helpless, vulnerable and premature, relative to other species.
Example: "I can't believe they decided to promote Kelly. If you ask me, I think she's still wet behind the ears".

QUOTE BOX

Truth is strong, and sometime or other will prevail. **—Mary Astell**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Up To No Good.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Beachfront breakers
5 Sandhills
10 Speech disorder
13 Form of oxygen
14 James ___ : famous author of Shogun and Tai-Pan
15 Air-raid warning
16 Fertile area in North Africa (4,5)
18 Snake-like fish
19 Black beetle
20 This type of peer would own an earldom
24 Resistance unit
27 Lupine youngster (4,3)
29 Attorney
32 IPL side Gujarat ___
33 Spare wheel
35 Internet Service Provider
36 Famous French Marquis, "ades" anagram?
37 ___ Kapital : Karl Marx's magnum opus?
39 Mentalist Geller
42 Forced
45 Serious play
49 Mysteriously enchanting
50 Squire's demesne
51 Thrift or frugality
52 Day's march
53 Remainder or what's left

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

		N	D	A			C	N	S			
	C	O	U	P	S		L	I	O	N	S	
A	L	B	E	R	T		A	E	S	O	P	
L	I	L	L	I	E		S	C	O	U	R	S
P	O	E		O	N	T	H	E		R	E	T
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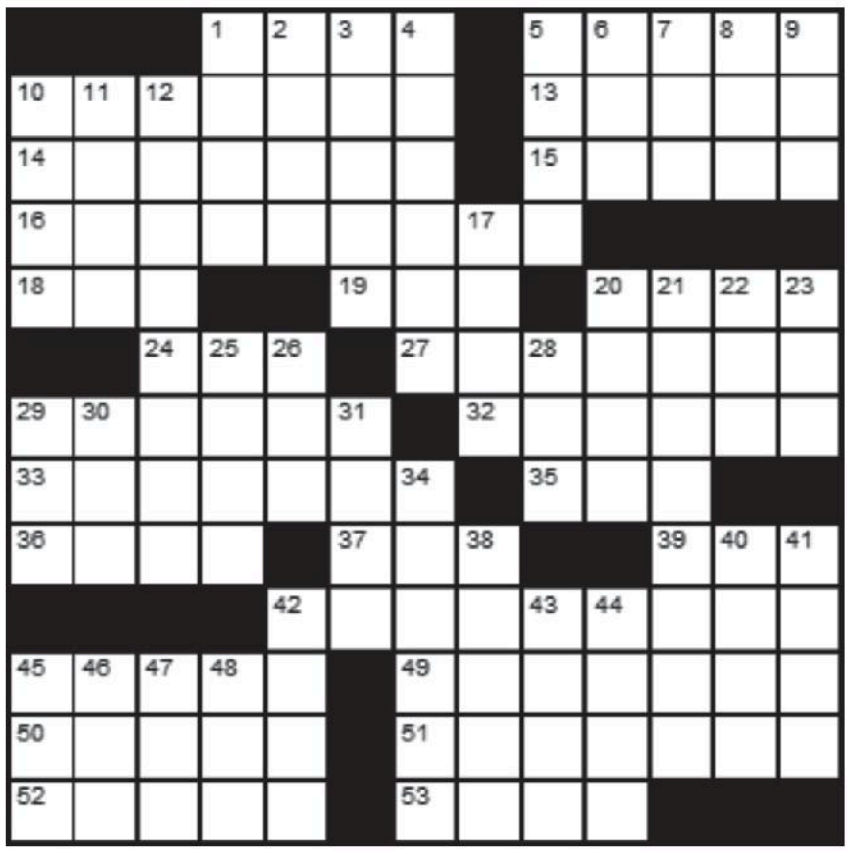
V	I	V	A			N	E	N	E			
E	L	I		B	A	K	E	D		R	N	A
G	I	D	E	O	N		W	I	T	H	E	R
	N	I	T	R	O		A	R	R	E	S	T
	G	A	T	E	D		Y	O	U	T	H	
			U	S	E			N	E	T		

DOWN
1 Goalkeeping feat
2 How a second-hand car may be described
3 Angered
4 Of pale brownish or reddish yellow colour
5 Popular snack Masala ___
6 Israeli submachine gun
7 And not, neither
8 Compass dir.
9 A Japanese copper coin
10 Pimply condition of adolescence
11 Ballet bend - "pile" anagram?
12 Honoured as holy
17 Horse's gait
20 Small amphibious creatures
21 Mexican holiday resort
22 Score at cricket
23 Pounds abbr
25 Ballyhoo
26 Adult males
28 Fifty two in Roman numerals
29 Lightning Sensor Sys.
30 One __ __ time (singly) ? (2,1)
31 Perform or accomplish again
34 Grumble and complain in a repetitious way?
38 Room for "capes"?
40 Quantity of paper sheets
41 Not in a busy way
42 Worry about
43 Freudian terms
44 A medical dressing
45 Distance Measuring Equip.
46 Small rodent animal
47 Snippets of information
48 Cleaning implement



SUDOKU

6		3	4	7		5		
8	5			6	2	3		
		5			4			
4			2		1			7
			5			2		
		6	3	1			7	8
		8		4	7	1		2

Answer to previous puzzle

6	8	5	4	7	9	2	3	1
9	3	2	6	1	5	4	8	7
4	1	7	8	3	2	6	5	9
2	7	9	5	6	4	8	1	3
1	6	3	9	8	7	5	2	4
8	5	4	1	2	3	9	7	6
7	2	8	3	4	6	1	9	5
3	9	6	2	5	1	7	4	8
5	4	1	7	9	8	3	6	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TAAD BK HBKG ELNE KABELAI FRUUAFF

KSI CNBJRIA BF AZAI CBKNJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: To be able to fill leisure intelligently is the last product of civilization, and at present very few people have reached this level.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Appu (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Mayura (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Khadgam (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Bhagiratha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Bhagiratha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Barget Basya (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Forest (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Asthram - The Secret (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
  Badass Ravikumar (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Disney's Snow White (E)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 12.20 pm, 2.40 pm, 5 pm
	(S-4)	7.05 pm
The Diplomat (H)	(S-1)	7.20 pm
Yaariyan (H)	(S-1)	10.10 pm
Barget Basya (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am
Asthram (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Court: State Vs A Nobody (Te)	(S-2)	3.55 pm
Tumko Meri Kasam (H)	(S-2)	7 pm, 10.20 pm
Ballari Jille Ballari Taluk Grama Yalpi (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Dragon (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm; (S-4) 10.20 am
Pintu Ki Pappi (H)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Chhaava (H)	(S-3)	7 pm
Ghatak (H)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Appu (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Shanmukha (Te)	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 9.45 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Forest (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
Ballari Jille Ballari Taluk Grama Yalpi (K)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Asthram (Ta)	(S-1)	7 pm
Shanmukha (Te)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Pintu Ki Pappi (H)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 3.55 pm
Chhaava (H)	(S-2)	6.30 pm
Tumko Meri Kasam (H)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Disney's Snow White (E)	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 4.05 pm, 9.20 pm
Tumko Meri Kasam (H)	(S-3)	6.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Ph: 0821-230 0402

Lucifer (Ma)	:	9.55 am, 10.30 pm
Disney's Snow White (E)	:	11.20 am, 1.50 pm, 3.30, 7.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	:	11.30 am, 7 pm
Court: State Vs A Nobody (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 6.40 pm
Yevade Subramanyam (Te)	:	12.25 pm
Appu (K)	:	12.35 pm, 6.30 pm
Shanmukha (Te)	:	1.30 pm
Kiss Kiss Kissik (K)	:	3.05 pm
Chhaava (H)	:	3.20 pm, 9.45 pm
The Diplomat (H)	:	3.35 pm, 9.30 pm
The Karate Kid (1984) (E)	:	4.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Dangal (H)	:	6 pm
Tumko Meri Kasam (H)	:	6 pm
Interstellar (E)	:	10 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009

Appu (K)	:	10 am, 3.55 pm, 10.05 pm
Disney's Snow White (E)	:	10.55 am, 1.25 pm, 3.20 pm, 7 pm
Forest (K)	:	12.20 pm
The Diplomat (H)	:	1 pm
Court: State Vs A Nobody (Te)	:	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Narayana Narayana (K)	:	5.50 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	6.55 pm
Barget Basya (K)	:	9 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Chhaava (H)	:	10.35 am, 5.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Disney's Snow White (E)	:	10.35 am, 1.40 pm, 4.55 pm 7.35 pm, 10 pm
Appu (K)	:	10.40 am, 12 noon, 1.55 pm, 7.20 pm
The Diplomat (H)	:	1 pm, 3 pm, 9.15 pm
Mickey 17 (E)	:	3.55 pm
Salaar: Cease Fire - Part 1 (Te)	:	4.05 pm
Yaariyan (H)	:	6.50 pm
Ghatak (H)	:	9.50 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

Disney's Snow White (E)	:	10.55 am, 1.20 pm, 4.40, 7.05, 9.30 pm
Pelli Kani Prasad (Te)	:	11.05 am
Shanmukha (Te)	:	12 noon
Court: State Vs A Nobody (Te)	:	12.30 pm, 10 pm
Appu (K)	:	1.40 pm
Ballari Jille Ballari Taluk Grama Yalpi (K)	:	2.35 pm
Pintu Ki Pappi (H)	:	3.35 pm
Chhaava (H)	:	3.45 pm
Narayana Narayana (K)	:	5.10 pm
Lamhe (H)	:	6.25 pm
The Diplomat (H)	:	7.05 pm
Barget Basya (K)	:	7.40 pm
Tumko Meri Kasam (H)	:	10.10 pm
Lucifer (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Konkani Sahitya Academy awards conferred

Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy and Konkani Christian Association, Mysuru, conferred Honorary and Book Awards-2024 at a programme held at Konkan Bhavan in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru, last evening. The awardees — Sobina Motesh Kambrekara, Patrick Camil Moras, Valerian Sequeira, Felsi Lobo and Joel Periera — are seen with *(standing)* ***Ronald Crasta, Akshatha Nayak, Samarth Bhat, Valerian D'Souza, Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Konkani Sahitya Academy President Joachim Stany Alvares, MLA K. Harishgowda, John William D'Souza, Joyce Sequiera and Naveen Lobo.***

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 24)

- **Sahara Arts & Crafts:** Shopping Festival, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind Old DC office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Vishwamanava Mysore University Employees Forum and Nava Vishwamanava Trust, Mysuru:** Farewell to Medical Officer Dr. M.S. Basavaraj, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) - Fire & Emergency Services Ravi D. Channannavar, ADC P. Shivaraju and Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar will felicitate Dr. Basavaraj, EMRC auditorium, Manasagangothri, **3 pm.**
- **JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), JSS Technical Institutions Campus, Mysuru:** 7th Convocation, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Chancellor of JSS STU, presides, Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, delivers the Convocation Address, JSS STU premises, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mysuru and Sangeetha Premigala Sabha, Mysuru:** Vidwan Muthuswamy Dikshitar Jayanti Celebrations, unveiling of Dikshitar's photo by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, President, Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira, Sridhar Hemmige of Sangeetha Premigala Sabha, Mysuru, guest of honour, B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs, President, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, presides; Vocal Music Concert by Vid. Abhiram Bode, accompanied by Vid. Keshava Mohan Kumar on violin and Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana Mysuru, Mysuru Jilla Havyasi Rangakarmigala Vedike, Department of Kannada & Culture, Karnataka Nataka Academy and Karnataka Sahitya Academy:** Vishwa Ranga Sambhrama-2025, staging of play 'Uruvi' by Arali Rangatanda, Mysuru, written by Dr. C. Ravindranath and directed by Ramyashekar and Pavana Dhanaraj, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 25)

- **University of Mysore (UoM), College Development Council (CDC) and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Manasagangothri:** Workshop on 'NIFR Ranking: A Tool for Self-Assessment and Quality Improvement' for the benefit of Principals and IQAC Co-ordinators of Colleges, Department of Collegiate Education Mysuru Regional Joint Director Dr. B. Chandrashekar inaugurates, UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath presides, UoM DoS in Library and Information Science Senior Professor Dr. N.S. Harinarayana keynote speaker, UoM Registrar M.K. Savitha guest of honour, UoM Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. N. Nagaraja will be present, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**
- **Kalasourabha:** Karnataka Classical Music Study Camp-2025 by Vidushi Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, Kalasourabha, Ramakrishnanagar, **4 pm.** [Mob: 94806-38815]
- **Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust, Mysuru and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Audio-Video Screening of 'Kailasa mattu Manasasarowara Darshana' by retd. Additional Secretary to GoI C.V. Gopinath, University of Mysore (UoM) VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath inaugurates, Trust President Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao presides, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana Mysuru, Mysuru Jilla Havyasi Rangakarmigala Vedike, Department of Kannada & Culture, Karnataka Nataka Academy and Karnataka Sahitya Academy:** Vishwa Ranga Sambhrama-2025, staging of play 'Bankapurada Bayalata' by Abhinaya Taranga, Bengaluru, originally written in Hindi by Mani Madhukar, translated to Kannada by Dr. H.M. Kumaraswamy, directed by Manjunath L. Badiger, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

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